

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative details of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) that are being imported from China at low price than manufacturing cost in the country which has led to closure of bulk drug unit and rendered Lakh of people jobless; and

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken on this matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a): The Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association (India) has informed that especially because of low value imports of drugs from China, Indian manufacturers of drugs like Ampicillin, Amoxicillin, Vitamin C, Paracetamol, Analgin, Ciprofloxacin, Norfloxacin and Diclofenac Sodium etc. have been seriously affected. The Chinese bulk drugs are cheaper when compared to Indian products because of economies of scale, lower tariffs of power and tax structure etc.

(b): The Government of India has been giving some protection to industry by levying Anti-dumping / related duties on such imports. The Directorate General Anti Dumping under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, initiates proceedings wherever complaints are received by them of such dumping and if proved, levy anti-dumping duties. Besides this, registration for all imports of bulk drugs is compulsory with Drug Controller General (India) under the Foreign Trade Policy.